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What is claimed is:

1. A method of downloading data from a machine comprising the steps of: providing an intermediary device that is operatively associated with the machine; selectively actuating the intermediary device to transfer data from the machine to the intermediary device; and formulating the transferred data to be viewed.

- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the machine is a meat processing machine.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the transferred data is selected from the group consisting of running time, pressure settings, initials of person gather data, name of product being run, recipe being used to make the product, and meat processing information.
- 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of transmitting the transferred data to a controller.
- 5. A system for downloading data from a machine comprising: an intermediary device operatively associated with the machine such that data is transferred from the machine to the intermediary device; and the intermediary device being operable to formulate the transferred data to be viewed.
- 6. The system of claim 5 wherein the machine is a meat processing machine.
- 7. The system of claim 5 wherein the transferred data is selected from the group consisting of running time, pressure settings, initials of person gather data, name of product being run, recipe being used to make the product, and meat processing information.

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8. The system of claim 5 further comprising a controller operatively associated with the intermediary device.